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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10/20/03 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: serial numbers for copending applications (see pages 1 and 5) need to be filled in.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 13-17, 23-28, and 40-42 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Park (US 6,683,438). Park discloses a contactless battery charger (Figures 1 and 2). A contactless power interface between converter 100 and battery pack 320 is provided by the primary and secondary sides of a PCB transformer (150 and 350, respectively). Rechargeable battery BAT provides power for the battery pack and its associated device

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(mobile phone 200 in the Figures). The power supplied to the battery is may be controlled in either a constant-voltage or constant-current form, this regulation provided by monitoring circuit and photo-coupler 340, inverter controller 120, and microprocessor unit 130. The monitoring circuit and photo-coupler 340 and photo-coupler receiver 140 provide a communication link between the battery pack 320 and the converter 100, furthermore providing battery information to mobile phone 200. This communication link enables the battery charger to charge every type of variable battery by responding to its current and voltage requirements (column 3, lines 20-45).

Claims 32 and 33 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaplan (US 3,689,885). Kaplan discloses a system of an inductively coupled passive responder and interrogator unit. Provided in the system (Figures 5A and 5B) are mutually orthogonal coils 172, 174, and 176. These coils are coupled to respective capacitors 172, 174, and 176. Additionally 5volt, 12volt, and 30volt regulators are provided (elements 130, 132, and 140)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-12, 18-22, and 29-31 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park as applied to claims 4, 17, and 28 above, and in further view of Zimmer (US 6,703,920). Park discloses a contactless battery charger including a transformer and serial communications, but does not teach that the contactless interface may include a variable

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impedance element. Zimmer teaches a method of contactless transmission of power or data, having a resonant circuit. The impedance of the resonant circuit is varied by switching an impedance element in either series or parallel configuration, as set by controller 2 (Zimmer, Figure 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include such a variable impedance in the invention of Park in order to provide optimal transmission of data and power over the contactless power interface (Zimmer, column 4 lines 6-15). Furthermore, inductive elements may be switched as taught by Zimmer (column 4, lines 30-37).

Claims 32-34 and 36-39 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Kaplan. In responder tag 22 of Kaplan, there exist three coils 42, 44, and 46 that provide inductive coupling to interrogator 12 (Figures 1 and 2). Kaplan is unclear as to whether these coils are orthogonal such as the set of coils 172, 174, and 176. Coupled to coils 42, 44, and 46 are voltage regulating Zener diodes 54, 56, and 58; capacitors 55, 57, and 59; and full wave rectifiers 48, 50, and 52 (column 11, lines 5-30).

Claim 35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaplan. The use of a half-wave rectifier instead of a full-wave rectifier would be an obvious matter of design choice, if system specifications permitted the loss of efficiency in voltage conversion at the gain of a lower number of needed components.

Claims 43-46 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park as applied to claim 42 above, and further in view of Kaplan. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize the orthogonal windings of Kaplan in

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the transformer of Park to provide a multidimensional electromagnetic field to facilitate charging no matter the orientation of the device to be charged.

Conclusion

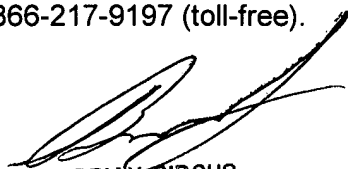
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 5,600,225 (Goto) discloses a noncontacting charging device. US 5,455,466 (Parks) discloses inductively coupled power and data transfer. US 6,844,702 (Giannopoulos) discloses contactless battery charging and control.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew M. Deschere whose telephone number is (571) 272-8391. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00, every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on (571) 272-2800 x36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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